



Minutes JRA/CA IPAC Subcommittee

Date: January 13th, 2010

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Garnet Charles	Office of Indian Policy (OIP) Region 6-North
Daryl Toulou	OIP Region 2
Laura Munn	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Jim Sherrill	Cowlitz Tribe
Helen Fenrich	Tulalip Tribes
Summer Puckett	Region 10, US Children's Bureau
Robert Ludgate (phone)	Samish Tribe
Matilda Sampson	American Indian Community Center
Larry Quintana	Nisqually Tribe
Amy Finkbonner	Lummi Nation
Nancy Dufraine	CA-HQ, Lead ICW PM
Betsy Tulee	CA-HQ, ICW PM
Trudy Marcellay	OIP Region 6 South
Mike Yates	Cowlitz
Sandy Turner	CA,DCFS, Region 1
Lynette Jordan	United Indians of All Tribes
Mireya Beltre	DSHS, CA
LouAnn Carter (phone)	CA, Region 3, Supervisor
Roxanne Finney	CA, Region 4, ICW PM
Don Milligan	STOWW

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 10th, 2010

9:00 am to 3:30 pm (please note early start time)

DSHS/OB2

Room SL03 (in basement near cafeteria)

1115 Washington St.

Olympia, WA. 98504

Call in Conference number: 360-407-3780 pin number 402219 # (pound)

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Agenda Item	Discussion
Announcements	<p>Nancy noted that planning for the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) is underway in CA. A request for tribal participants will be made at IPAC (next day). Senate Bill 6294 recommends taking demeaning language out of educational information. Helen F. noted that Tulalip is not in favor; leave language at 'students'.</p> <p>Nancy noted that CA has sent out three notices of the legislative hearing schedule on the Tribal/RAIO listserve and will continue to send them out.</p> <p>Monica Reeves, JRA, will not be on the agenda today but she sent notice that is no new announcements from JRA.</p> <p>Nancy noted that once the CA ICW case review is out she hopes to have a one day State-Tribal meeting to review and make recommendations for areas to focus on for improvement. This would replace the process that occurred last time (mostly at 7.01 meetings). She is requesting funds to assist with travel to this meeting; status unknown at this time.</p>
<p>Citizen's Review Panel (CRP)</p> <p>Jim Sherrill, Cowlitz Tribe</p>	<p>Per the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), each state is required to have Citizen Review Panels (CRP). The number of CRP's is dependant on the state's population. Washington State has three CRP's. This is the second year that the CA IPAC Subcommittee/ICW group is serving as a CRP.</p> <p>The requirements of a CRP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is composed of volunteer members • Meetings occur at least quarterly • Examine CPS policies and procedures, and where appropriate specific cases. • Submit an annual report and include a summary of the panel's activities, as well as the recommendations of the panel based upon its activities and findings to improve child safety. The report is due to the Federal government in April. <p>Last year the CA IPAC CRP focused on the CA ICW Case Review and the Disproportionality bill (1472). Colette McCully is working on a response on last years recommendations from the CA IPAC.</p> <p>This year the areas of focus are the Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act (WSICWA); ICW Case Review; tribal access to FamLink; and (Local) Tribal-State Agreements.</p> <p>All have been moving forward.</p> <p>The goal was to have the Tribal-State Agreements completed by December 2009. About the third are completed. Eight tribes have asked to be deferred until after the new year and one has asked to be deferred until March. Trudy noted that some tribes have asked that current Agreements remain in place as is. Local Agreements should be developed at the local level but they are intended for state wide use.</p> <p>Don asked how they will be monitored. Nancy noted that it is a joint responsibility between the State and tribes. Also, the 7.01 Plans, supervisory reviews and case reviews should be avenues for this. Completed, approved and signed agreements will be posted on the CA internet and intranet websites.</p> <p>The CA ICW Case review report should be out soon and will also drive recommendations. Don asked if NICWA still delivers the ICW training. Nancy; yes. In fact in the last Case Review training was found to be an issue. A matrix of ICW training statewide was pulled together to see what is being delivered. The NICWA training was reviewed and revised,</p>

	<p>supervisory training is going to be a training priority statewide. Nancy asked for volunteers for the ad hoc workgroup to work on the supervisory training.</p> <p>Jim noted that Colette McCully will attend the February CA IPAC SC to share the department's response to last years report. Then we will review the upcoming ICW Case Review Report to help develop the recommendations for the goals for the 2010 CRP.</p> <p>Jim is also noted he has been informed that his term is up on the Child Youth and Family Services Committee (CYAFSC). IPAC nominated him to they should know; it was suggested that this be brought to the IPAC general body. Jim was nominated as a candidate.</p>
<p>Transformation Design Committee (TDC)</p> <p>Dana Phelps</p>	<p>In 2009 the legislature passed 2SHB 2106 that requires CA to change the way services are delivered to children and families are contracted. There are two phases; the first is labeled Performance Based Contracting and the second phase is Demonstrations Sites.</p> <p>The TDC is in charge of overseeing implementation of Phase 2 of 2106.</p> <p>Dana noted that the TDC meetings are open. Tribes and RAIO's (including IPAC members) are welcome. IPAC does have delegates on the TDC committee and subcommittee's. It is important that tribes make their voices heard.</p> <p>Dana reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that was sent out via email. It will also be emailed along with these minutes.</p> <p>Dana noted that a website at http://www.joinhandsforchildren.org/ will contain a schedule of meetings, minutes, conference calls etc.</p> <p>Tribes should watch legislation on HB 3121, implementation of delivery of child welfare services through performance based contracts, which modifies 2106 slightly.</p> <p>The group agreed that this should be a standing agenda item for the CA IPAC.</p>
<p>Adoption Assistance Program</p> <p>Lonnie Locke, CA, HQ</p>	<p>(This is an agenda item added-not noted on agenda sent out.)</p> <p>Lonnie Locke, CA Program Manager with Headquarters joined meeting. She noted that she had received a request to deliver training to a Tribe on the adoption assistance program. She joined today's meeting to see if other tribes are interested in this training and if there is also an interest in developing a guide or manual on this topic as well.</p> <p>CA IPAC agreed this is a good idea. She asked for representatives to participate in the development of the training and guide/manual.</p> <p>Laura Munn (Lower Elwha Klallam) said yes. Helen Fenrich (Tulalip Tribes) also indicated an interest but not at present during legislative session.</p> <p>The federal legislation 'Fostering Connections' allows for adoption assistance for relative guardianship and customary adoptions.</p> <p>Other who may be interested in participating in this workgroup may contact Lonnie Locke at 360-902-7932 (Lonnie.locke@dshs.wa.gov) or Betsy Tulee at 425-673-3114 (betsy.tulee@dshs.wa.gov).</p>
<p>Child and Family Services Review</p> <p>Greg Dootsen, CA, HQ</p>	<p>Greg Dootson is the CA lead for the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR).</p> <p>This upcoming CFSR is the second round for Washington State-Washington is the last state to participate. Lessons learned from first review; increased emphasis on involving tribes, youth and courts. Greg is requesting this group to participate.</p> <p>Last time there were multiple workgroups developed-this time plan to use existing workgroups.</p> <p>The statewide assessment is due in July. Then prepare for the on site reviews. The on site reviews will include folks from outside of CA and CA staff. There will be</p>

	<p>two within King County, the largest metropolitan area is always reviewed and two additional sites within the state that have yet to be identified. Of the additional sites one will be rural and the other will be a medium sized community.</p> <p>Following the review the federal government will then issue a report for areas without substantial conformity. A Program Improvement Plan (PIP) will be developed. (The ICW Case review was an example of an improvement from the last PIP).</p> <p>IPAC selected representatives that will serve on the State Assessment Team. Regional data and information gathering will include outreach to the tribes.</p> <p>The review will also look at and analyze the data from the Central Case reviews and the data systems available.</p> <p>The CA IPAC subcommittee will/can be an important of the process. Each region will outreach to tribes to inform and invite them to participate.</p> <p>Would like to nominate four representatives form IPAC; two from east of the mountains and two from the west side. This will be brought forward to IPAC. Expect there to be a once a month meeting or every other month (for a full day). Can participate by phone.</p>
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